A speech by Dr. Clarence C. Little, scientific director of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee in Nashville, September 27, was noted by the wire services and carried by newspapers in a number of major cities. The Associated Press story appears below.

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INDUSTRY STATEMENT

Deny Cancer, Smoking Link

Special to the N. Y. Journal-American

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STUDY OTHER CAUSES

Much of the rise in the ailment, he said, is due to a larger population, especially of older people; better diagnosis and more accurate reporting of the cause of death.

"The vast majority of smokers never get lung cancer, while many non-smokers do get it," he said.

Other possible causes he said are now being studied, including air pollution, virus, hormones, infective lung damage, poor nutrition, occupational hazards and fumes from motor fuels.

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"We know that smoking may have some physciological effects, such as giving a slight 'lift.' Science is finding that some of these effects may indeed be beneficial."

Dr. Little reported the industry in the past six years has made $4,000,000 available for research into the subject, and has made grants to more than 100 scientists.

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THE WASHINGTON STAR
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